

Fundraising Car Wash

Stormwater Best Management Practices



Discharges from charity car washes are allowed, provided that the site is not within 1/4 miles of a wash, creek, river or lake and discharges are minimized to the extent practicable.

- Fundraiser car washes are an important way for community and youth groups to raise money, but these events can harm water quality unintentionally.
- The runoff water from washing vehicles contains detergents and other pollutants that enter our storm drains that leads to our washes, river, lakes, and retention basins.

What Can I Do?

- Use cleaning agents according to label instructions and only use water in the amount necessary to do the job.
- Use water alone or in combination with phosphate-free cleaning agents formulated specifically for exterior car washing, that do not contain organic (carbon-based) solvents.
- Dispose of leftover soapy water (in your bucket) into a sink, or toilet, not the street or storm drain.

Did You Know?

Water from commercial car washes facilities enter the sewer system that lead to a treatment plant.

Save Money and Time!

Help meet your fundraising goals by an alternative to the time consuming and labor intensive car wash— sell tickets to a local car wash!



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